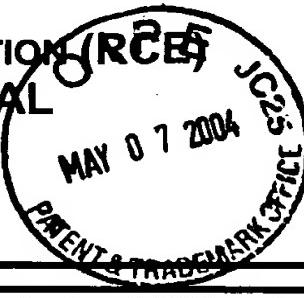


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application No.	09/787,944
Filing Date	May 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	John SLEGERS
Group Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	Ana M. Fortuna
Attorney Docket No	440436/Pall

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other:
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Form PTO-1449
 - v. Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449
(except for U.S. patents and applications)
 - vi. Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. Other:

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith. | |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) | \$770.00 |
| ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-month extension of time fee of \$950.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) | \$950.00 |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee. | |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) | |
| v. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

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- b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

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In re Application of:

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For: FILTRATION SYSTEMS AND
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, a three-month extension of time, the fee being included in the RCE Transmittal, and consideration of the following remarks are requested.

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